

Building a Culture of Generosity

October 16, 2022

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship, it is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold-who comes to us risen from the dead-who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Questions for Reflection: "I will not let you go," said Jacob to the night stranger, "unless you bless me." What does it mean to struggle for a blessing-from others or from God? How does that struggle manifest itself in your lifetime?

Morning Prayer: Thank you, gracious God, for giving me a limp. You have let me struggle with you; you have blessed me; you have marked me as your own. Send me out today, with all my frailties and weaknesses, to be a witness to your love, grateful for another day to sing your praises. Amen.

Evening Prayer: I lift up my eyes to the hills-from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. God will not let your foot be moved; the One who keeps you will not slumber. God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Amen.

Order of Service

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude

Gathering: ELW #521 O Day of Rest and Gladness, vs 1,4

We Ask God's Forgiveness: ELW# 777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty vs 1,4

We Sing Praise: ELW# 856 How Great Thou Art

We Pray

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Genesis 32:22-31	Bible 26
Psalms 121	Bible 498
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Bible 967
Luke 18:1-8	Bible 853

Sermon Pastor Annemarie Burke

Song of the Day ELW #742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Prayers of Intercession

GOD FEEDS US

We Pass the Peace

We Give our Offerings

How did you see God at work through you this week?

People of Hope

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this or any church congregation. Gluten free wafers available on request. If it is part of your own faith tradition to not receive communion, you are very welcome to come forward for a blessing instead.

Lamb of God ELW #195

Song During Communion

ELW #469 By Your Hand You Feed Your People

GOD SENDS US

Sending Song

ELW #545 Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

You can also get announcements and calendar of events at www.MyEsperanza.org

Welcome! Last night Esperanza hosted a lock in for the PhLY program. We welcome the young people and chaperones this morning who are with us for worship.

Habitat House 2022-23 due to permit and supply chain shortages the house is on a temporary hold. Stay tuned for updates! Contact John Fisher, Jim Gisselquist or John Gemma if you have any questions. Thank you to all who have made our past builds a success.

Special Jazz Event- Monday, October 17th @ 6:30pm Join us in the sanctuary for a casual get-together while we listen to our very own Steve Newell, Steve Waters, Dick Dorwart, and John Yocky. Feel free to bring drinks and snacks to share for this splendid evening of music and fellowship!

Blessing of the Animals- October 23rd Come one, come all, people and animals, big and small! Bring your pets, livestock, and critters to worship in the courtyard for a special service blessing each animal and the people who care for them. Invite your neighbors and stay tuned for details.

Oktoberfest!- Saturday, Oct. 29th from 6-9pm for fall foods, music and conversation. We provide the beverages and meat (brauts, hamburgers & hot dogs). You bring a side dish or a dessert. Please pass along the invitation to friends, neighbors, or someone in the Esperanza community you haven't seen in a while.

Come PhLY with Me!

High Schoolers and parents: make sure you've signed up so you get all the latest and greatest info!

www.phlyministry.com

November 19th- PhLY gives back at West Valey Lutheran Thrift.

December 2nd 6pm-9pm First Friday @ Grace Lutheran

January 13-16 Winter Retreat, \$50 per person. Sign up on the website!

Families and Youth, please refer to our up-to-date calendar on the Esperanza website for event updates by visiting myesperanza.org/calendar

Steppin' Out! Join The Esperanza Team and participate in The Ahwatukee Foothills CROP HUNGER WALK! Take steps toward eliminating hunger at home and abroad! Sunday, November 13, Desert Foothills Park. Help raise \$25,000 for hunger! 75% used internationally; 25% to Kyrene Family Resource Center. Register at bit.ly/AhwatukeeCropWalk or scan:



HUNGER MINISTRY: October 15 Feed My Starving Children Packing Event!

As a Christian nonprofit organization, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. Through late September 2022, FMSC has sent meals to 56 countries, including 2.75 million meals to Ukraine. FMSC needs help packing meals. To respond to this need, a work event for Esperanza has been scheduled from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM on Saturday, October 15. This is a great opportunity for our youth to get involved in responding to a global need. Youth 5 and older can participate with an adult. Forty-five work slots have been reserved for Esperanza. FMSC's Phoenix metro packing location is at 1345 S. Alma School Drive, Mesa, 85210. FMSC would also appreciate a donation (the day of the event would be fine) to help purchase meal ingredients. If you would like to participate, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact the office at 480-759-1515. If you would like to carpool or have questions, please contact Larry or Peggy Hanson or the church office.

Yoga at Esperanza! Aubree Duplessis- we are trying to get this continued for the fall. More details coming soon!.

Kyrene Family Resource Center

While the KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, the greatest current need is for the following: cereal, canned chicken, microwavable mac and cheese, granola bars, and Ramen noodles. Year to date Esperanza has donated 653 lbs of food. Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

Voices For CASA On an ongoing basis, we support Voices for CASA with \$10 fast-food gift cards. These gift cards go to CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for their meetings with the foster children they help. Please bring any gift cards to the church office. If you have any questions about this program or about Voices, please contact John Gemma at jgemma@cox.net.

Prayer Shawls Each week a group of knitters gather on campus to make prayer shawls for our community. These shawls can be found on the rack by the altar. These prayer shawls are for ANYONE who is in need (illness, birth of a baby, marriage, or in need of a pick me up). Please remember to fill out the white card that is attached and place the card in the Prayer Shawl container (on the counter in the entryway to the sanctuary). Let's spread God's comfort and peace into the world.

Pet Prayer Shawl Ministry- to benefit 2DARescue. 2darecue.org Shawls are crocheted by Alice Schultze. A suggested donation for each shawl is: \$20.00 -50% of donations will go to the rescue and 50% goes to purchase supplies. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze roseypetunia@cox.net.

Worship Leaders	
	9:30
Greeter	Joan Stern
Lector	Dennis Fox
Communion Assistants	Tom & Susan Vega
Ushers	Julie Valenzuela, Dennis Fox, KC & Christine Quah
Power Point	
Assisting Minister	Jim Nelson